

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the terms to which the Examiner has objected. The Applicants submit that the Examiner's objections under 35 USC 112 have been overcome.

Claim 1 has furthermore been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 3 and 6 are cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 4 as anticipated by US 2002/078161 to Cheng. Nowhere does Cheng show or suggest:

"the changed input parameter corresponds to a name of the network station in the network of first type which is mapped onto an information element existing in the UPnP network called FriendlyName of an XML appliance description for the network station which relates to the input parameter",

as specifically set forth in Claim 1 as amended. It is therefore clear that the patentability of the invention as defined by Claim 1 as amended is not affected by Cheng.

Claims 2 and 4 are dependent from Claim 1 and add further advantageous features. The Applicants submit that these subclaims are patentable as their parent Claim 1.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 5 to 8 as unpatentable over Cheng in view of US 6,456,892 to Dara-Abrams et al. Dara-Abrams et al. mentions changing the name of a device inside a HAVi network. However, Dara-Abrams et al. relates to a homogeneous network type, namely a HAVi network. Nowhere does Dara-Abrams et al. mention any different network type, much less any problem involved with connecting to a network of a different type over a bridge or gateway device. It is therefore clear that even if Dara-Abrams et al. were to be combined with Cheng, the invention defined by Claim 1 would not be obtained, and the

advantageous features provided by dependent Claims 5 to 8 would also not be obtained.

The Examiner has also mentioned a reference Henry. The Applicants assume that the Examiner meant to cite US 2005/0078679 to Henry et al, which has been previously cited. Nowhere does Henry et al show or suggest:

“the changed input parameter corresponds to a name of the network station in the network of first type which is mapped onto an information element existing in the UPnP network called FriendlyName of an XML appliance description for the network station which relates to the input parameter”,

as specifically recited in Claim 1 as amended. It is therefore clear that Henry et al does not affect the patentability of Claim 1 as amended.

The Applicants therefore submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

No fee is believed to have been incurred by virtue of this amendment. However if an additional fee is incurred on the basis of this amendment, please charge such fee against Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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